

# City of Grass Valley

Nevada County, California



*"The Gem of the Foothills"*



NATURAL HOME OF THE  
BARTLETT PEAR, HUNGARIAN  
PRUNES AND GRAPES



Most Equitable Climate in California  
Scenery Unsurpassed



RICHEST GOLD MINES IN THE WORLD

Issued by the Chamber of Commerce of the City of Grass Valley, Cal.



RASS VALLEY, situated in the heart of the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, is the principal city of Nevada County, and about one hundred and fifty miles north-east of San Francisco. It is 2,450 feet above sea level and just high enough to escape the damp fogs that prevail in the lower valleys and distant enough from the high Sierras as to escape the rigorous cold, thus making the climate ideal medium between both. The days never experience extreme cold or heat and the evenings even in mid-summer are cooled from the snow-filled breezes from the Sierras and thus cool the atmosphere, making the nights delightful and refreshing.

Grass Valley and its immediate vicinity is populated by a progressive people numbering about ten thousand, and the city proper is endowed with splendid public and private schools, excellent water and sewer systems, electric lights and power, gas and all conveniences that tend to make life enjoyable. Religious denominations are represented here in all branches, the streets are laid with asphaltum, the business houses are modern in appearance and business is conducted in a progressive way. The Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad connects with the Southern Pacific at Colfax, and its road is one of scenic beauty and wonder. A new road is also contemplated from Marysville and Auburn, the California Midland, and it is connected with Nevada City by an electric road, five miles in length. When the California Midland is completed it will open much new



agricultural land upon which can be grown the finest pears, peaches, apples, plums, grapes and nuts of every description.

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Bartlett Pear Tree in Bearing, Grass Valley

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### BARTLETT PEARS.

The Bartlett pears grown in this immediate vicinity are unexcelled for flavor and size and command the highest price in the Eastern and London markets of any pear grown anywhere on earth. Last year's pears grown

in the Grass Valley section brought as high as \$4.80 a box and there was a big demand for them. The soil is particularly adapted and the climatic conditions are unequalled for the growth of this delicious fruit. This fruit attains perfection on hilly ground without irrigation and with a northern exposure, and there are hundreds of acres of land where this fruit can be grown that can be secured at very reasonable figures.

As an example of the possibilities to be attained with Bartlett pears, one man from eight hundred trees picked and shipped fourteen hundred boxes this season.

### **HUNGARIAN PRUNES.**

This fruit grows to large size and delicious flavor and the same soil upon which pears flourish so highly will grow this fruit to perfection.

### **GRAPES.**

For the past sixty years this section has been the home of the grape. They seem to flourish in this climate and soil to wonderful size and flavor. Wine makers from other portions of California yearly send to this section for grapes for the purpose of flavoring their produce, the grapes from this section possessing a distinct flavor that is imparted by the soil that can be attained at no other place.

### **NUTS.**

Walnuts, almonds, filberts grow in great abundance and mature to perfection. Their size is unequalled anywhere else in the state. Nut experts from other portions of the state



have marveled at the size and richness of the nuts grown here and expressed surprise that the industry was not more widely developed. While the local output is consumed at home, there are thousands of pounds imported every



Orchard Scene in Grass Valley

year, which shows the opportunity that is offered for nut growing in this neighborhood.

### POULTRY.

The poultry industry is one that is in its infancy in this section. While we have a few

people who are following it and making a success, there is great opportunity in this line. Every year there is imported into Grass Val-

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An Orchard Scene in the Prosperous Chicago Park District

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ley two hundred thousand dozen of eggs and every poultryman has a home market at highest prices for all his product. The climatic conditions are ideal for this industry and it



will in a few years become one of the most profitable industries in this section of the state.

### DAIRYING

Is an industry that affords profit. There is unlimited grazing land and a big demand for local dairy products, and anyone entering this field of endeavor would meet with success from the start.

### GOLD MINING.

Gold mining has been one of the chief industries in Grass Valley since 1850, gold in quartz having originally been discovered in this section and the industry has been profitably pursued since that time, the gold belt extending the entire length and breadth of the district. Mines here have paid millions of dollars in dividends and at the present time there are properties that have an annual output of over a million dollars each year and developments show that they have ore blocked out that will keep the properties in operation for many years to come.

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Home-seekers, who are looking for an ideal climate and conditions of living that make life a pleasure and contentment, should investigate the resources and conditions in Grass Valley and to that end the Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce will promptly answer any and all communications directed to it at Grass Valley, California.



Empire Mine, Grass Valley, Oldest Continuous Worked Gold Mine in California